

Report of meeting of The Business & Industrial Coordinating Council, Monday, April 5, 1971, 6:00 P.M., Vail Hall, New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., 540 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PRESENT

Marshall Wolf - BICC Chairman	National Newark & Essex Bank
Mrs. Ruth McClain - BICC Co-Chairman	Greater Newark Urban Coalition
Roland E. Stewart - Executive Director	BICC
Thomas Boykin	BICC
Hilda Cruz	BICC
Janet Khan	BICC
Alford Vaughn	BICC
George Birmingham	Hahn & Company
Julius Kazin	Youth Opportunity Center
William Wilson	N.J. Bell Telephone Co.
Henry Boardman	Western Electric
Carl Venable	Greater Newark Urban Coalition
Tony O'Flaherty	Essex County Welfare
Earl Williams	Human Resources Development Institute
Preston Theall	N.J. College of Med. & Den.
John S. Clarkson	Mutual Benefit Life
Kenneth Donaldson	Mutual Benefit Life
Thomas Mann	Urban League
H.J. Hautau	Weston Instruments
Bette Davis	National Alliance Businessmen
F.J. Prerichs	Fireman's Fund America
C. W. Garrison	Bambergers
Alexander Mark	Dept. of Defense
Joseph Partenheimer	BICC
C. Hart	Newark School
Dick Bregstein	Prudential
Charles Kimmett	Newark State College
William Vincent	Newark State College
Paul T. McDonnell	First National State Bank
James S. Henderson, Jr.	Project Equality
Jules H. Lozowick	Western Electric
G.J. van Burk	N.J. State Training
Bob Dison	New-Ark School
Dick Proctor	Model Cities
Brendon O'Flaherty	Visitor
George Mibeacan	Prudential
Leo Selling	N.J. Rehabilitation Commission
Ruth E. McCorkill	National Information Center
Charles Breece	N.J. College of Med. & Den.
Shirley L. Breece	Putters
Marion Ruffin	N.J. College of Med. & Den.
Horace Hunt	Metro. Ecumenical Ministry
Earl Phillips	Urban League
Barbara McCall	Urban League
Ernest Bridges	General Electric
John Griffith	Public Service
Harry Wheeler	City-Hall
Juliet Grant	Urban League
Bernard A. Kuttner	Anti-Defamation League
Robert C. Kohler	Anti-Defamation League

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Chairman Mr. Marshall Wolf, with self introduction by all present.

Mr. Stewart reported that a sit-in took place on March 15 in order to dramatize ending the teacher's strike. A group of 20 community organizations felt the teachers should go back to work while the negotiating was going on. They spoke with Mayor Gibson and who said that he was doing everything he could to bring about settlement. (The 20 community organizations are social organizations which serve the city and community).

Mr. Stewart stated that he had been to Washington to obtain money for BICC via CEO. Negotiating has been going on for 2-1/2 years but still no definite plans have materialized. Mr. Stewart mentioned the status of contributions. \$2500 is needed for financing a remedial education program from business groups until BICC receives money from Model Cities or some other government agency. Contributions received to date: National Newark & Essex, Public Service, Frank Briscoe, Briscoe & Co.. Contributions promised: Prudential, First National State Bank, Western Electric. To date BICC has collected \$1300.

Mr. Wolf announced Mr. Stewart has been elected as Trustee of Urban Coalition and commented that he, Mr. Wolf, also had been to Washington with similar results--no money. However, he stated that some should be forthcoming shortly for BICC satellite programs.

Mr. Wolf then asked Mr. Stewart to explain what BICC staff does. Mr. Stewart stated that (1) employment: the number of people seeking employment has increased, approximately 200 per month. Many training opportunities are available. Ford Motor Training Program, N.J. Bell Telephone, Prudential and Mutual Benefit.

Mr. Wolf interjected a comment stating that even though people are not being interviewed in the standard manner, they are getting jobs and said that if anyone who know of people seeking employment should get in touch with BICC. Mr. Wolf then asked if any co-chairman of committees would like to make comments.

Julius Lozowick of Task Force Committee stated that they started an "Affirmative Action Committee" to find out what companies are doing to hire people in the city. They are making a pamphlet and investigating companies and plan to visit at least three per month or approximately 30 per year.

Hank Boardman commented on the Spanish-American questionnaire to the effect that a questionnaire is sent to companies asking them to do an assessment on employees with language difficulties. Companies admitted they would like to do something about the problem but don't know how.

Ruth McClain added that there is a pamphlet issued by Asmira called "Puerto Ricans in Newark, New Jersey" which costs \$2 and should be read by all.

Mr. Stewart then introduced a film about Maryland - N.J. College of Medicine and Dentistry. The film was shown and the audience was asked to comment. People who participated in the making of the film, were, Marion Ruffin, Hospital employer, Earl Phillips, Executive Director, Urban League, and Dr. Benjamin Rush, N.J.C.M.D. staff.

Mrs. Ruffin said that as a result of the film she was asked to go to Trenton to speak about the foreign nurses and if they should be allowed to practice before taking a course acclimating them to their surroundings and the people. Earl Phillips said that progress is being made; The Board of Concerned Citizens, communicating with the Board of Trustees is helping to bridge the credibility gap and correcting existing situations.

Questioner of Mr. Harry Wheeler spoke about the Nixon Administration and their attitude toward the economic crisis facing the cities. He stated that the Administration does not clearly state how monies will be channeled to the cities so that we can begin to do something about the problems which face inner-cities. He also commented on the new aspect affecting the nations-white middle class for the first time in modern history. They are being forced to apply and go on welfare. He noted that because of this, welfare will not have the negative connotations used to have. Because of this Mr. Wheeler feels that a better understanding of the welfare system and improvements for jobs will be made.

Mr. Wheeler invited everyone to attend the Greater Newark Camps Committee and Mayor Gibson's Office First Annual Workshop Conference centered around manpower to be held April 23rd and 24th at the Ebony Manor in Newark.

Mr. Wolf thanked Mr. Wheeler for attending and then introduced Dr. Paul Bolanowski of the N.J. College of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dr. Bolanowski stated that this is the first time the house staff has reached out to the community to make Martland a first class hospital. The staff has been trying to obtain state funds to improve patient care for the past two years. Commenting on the high infant mortality rate attributed to Martland he stated that the fault does not lie there but because of the rate of premature births, which is three time higher than the national average. Of the babies born and discharged healthily and later die in the first year of life 50% of them are dead on arrival at the hospital. Reasons attributed to the mortality rate are poor education of young women, lack of prenatal care, poor nutrition and the fact that over one third of the women who have their babies at Martland have had no prenatal care. Some of the ways to alleviate these problems would be by having programs to educate these women. The community can help by trying to get financial help from the State.

Mr. Wolf thanked Dr. Bolanowski for his comments and thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Hilda Cruz